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## SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccination Update

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) announced the expansion of priority groups recommended to receive influenza vaccine this flu season. Effective in January 2005, the priority groups for inactivated influenza vaccine will include **adults aged 50-64 and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of persons in high-risk groups**, in addition to the following previously followed criteria.

- Adults aged 65 and older
- Persons with underlying chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, cancer, illnesses that weaken the immune system, and other chronic lung, heart, liver or kidney diseases
- Women who are pregnant and your doctor advises vaccination
- Household contacts of children aged <6 months
- Healthcare workers who provide direct patient care

Beginning January 13 through 28, 2005, the Health Unit will offer influenza immunizations to GSFC civil servants who meet the above criteria every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (except holidays) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. until current supplies are exhausted. **No allergy injections will be given during these hours.**

Pregnant clients should have their doctor complete a Form 229 to ensure vaccination will not adversely affect their health status. This form can be obtained from the Health Unit and must be completed prior to seeking vaccination.

Go to [www.foh.dhhs.gov](http://www.foh.dhhs.gov) and print **Patient Acknowledgement Form** and **Should I Get a Flu Shot?** screening form. Bring these completed forms to the Health Unit.

For more information refer to <http://www.cdc.gov> or call the Health Unit at x6-6666.

  
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